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NATIONAL PLANNING PROCEDURES HANDBOOK $180-\mathrm{VI}-\mathrm{NPPH}$ Notice 2

Attached is Amendment 3, dated January 2000 of the National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH).

Amendment 3 replaces in entirety Amendment 2 of the NPPH dated April 1998. Amendment 3 is complete and ready to file including all the necessary dividers.

Highlights of changes in this amendment (changes indicated by vertical lines) include:

- Incorporated changes from the revised General Manual Conservation Planning Policy (180-GM, Amendment 15, July 1999).
- Removed remaining references, exhibits, etc., related to the Field Office Computing System (FOCS).
- Incorporated various editorial changes.

<u>Filing Instructions</u>: NPPH Amendment 3 totally replaces the existing NPPH manual. File in your field office NPPH three ring binder.

Additional Copies: The NPPH is currently available from the Conservation Operations Division at the following web site if additional copies are needed without dividers: http://www.info.usda.gov/nrcs/cod/. If you need additional copies with dividers please contact the Technical Services.

If there are any questions regarding Amendment 3, please contact Lee Brooks, ASTC (TS) at (208) 378-5720.

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